Baccalaureate and Commencement Exercises

OF THE

ONE HUNDRED NINETIETH YEAR

OF

Centenary College of Louisiana

SATURDAY, THE SECOND OF MAY

TWO THOUSAND FIFTEEN

GOLD DOME

TEN-THIRTY O'CLOCK
IN THE MORNING

Order of Exercises

Processional: *Pomp and Circumstance* ..... Edward Elgar

Centenary Brass Ensemble

Trumpets: Dustin Sexson '16, Chris Cates '17, Andrew Carrell '18, Sara Thompson Alfred '05, Michael Scarlato '17. **Alto Saxophone:** Marie Kadesky '19, Candace Maynard. **French Horn:** Chad Causey. **Trombone:** Samuel Hall '15, Terry Hopkins. **Tuba:** Logan Settoon '17.

***National Anthem** ..... led by the Centenary College Choir

Dr. David Hobson '98, *Director and A.C. "Cheesy" Voran Endowed Professor*

***Invocation** ..... The Reverend Valerie Robideaux '03

Director of Professional Discernment and Chaplain

***Hymn:** *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee* ..... led by Brass Ensemble and the Centenary College Choir

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

Mortals join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began;
Love divine is reigning o'er us, binding all within its span.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;
Joyful music leads us sunward, in the triumph song of life.

Scripture Reading: *Isaiah 43:18-19* ..... Reverend Robideaux

"Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert."

Anthem: *Things that Never Die* .....by Lee Dengler

Centenary College Choir

Laura Hirsch '18, *accompanist*

Address ..... Dr. Jay B. Varkey

Emory University

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Candidates for Degrees

Students Being Graduated with Academic Honors

Summa Cum Laude

Brooke Claire Bahlinger
Lauren Elaine Beurlot
Blake M. Bourgoyne
Alissa Kay Brown
Angelle Celine DeVillier
Emilie Danielle Harmeyer
Kellan Peter Klaus
Alexandra Lauren Ross
Adam Carl Stephens

Magna Cum Laude

Addie Jane Barron
Daryn Joseph Beaugh
Elias Brooks Capello
Hayley Clarice Cooper
Kaitlyn Eleanor Cornwell
Laura Jean Croteau
Jeremy John Hall
Samuel Abraham Hall
Ryan Matthew O'Donnell
Paige Rochelle Pritchett
Matthew Miles Robinson
Celia Sage Sobelman
Zachary Francis Stielper
Kayla Frances Thornhill
Gemma Zuniga

Cum Laude

Angélica Adame-Téllez
Kody Michael Carson
Kevin Chiang
Faith Lynae Clingen
Lauren M. Cullen
Walker Gamble
Cameron Hughes
Kayla Elizabeth King
Andrea Stephanie Lemus
Lauren Elizabeth Marlar
Nicole Martinez
Ellen-Elizabeth Orr
Chelsea Dawn Petska
Matthew Stuart Roberts
George William Rolfe IV
Bernard William Sanchez, Jr.
Jamillia ShaDawn Stevenson
Yesenia Vargas
Christina Lee Wolterman

Students Being Graduated with Departmental Honors

The following students have distinguished themselves by achieving Departmental Honors in the designated disciplines, signifying the completion of an intensive research project with presentation of the results to student peers and faculty.

Alissa Kay Brown,
Religious Studies

Elias Brooks Capello,
Neuroscience

Samuel Abraham Hall,
Biology

Kayla Elizabeth King,
Religious Studies

Kellan Peter Klaus,
Religious Studies

Lauren Elizabeth Marlar,
Psychology

Alexandra Lauren Ross,
Biology/Neuroscience

Zachary Francis Stielper,
Biology

Bachelor Of Arts

Jordan Mallory Aarstad,
Psychology

Angélica Adame-Téllez,
Sociology

Brooke Claire Bahlinger,
History and Political Science

Meredith Lindsey Ball,
Music: Sacred Music

Jessica Sarah Bato,
Music

Daryn Joseph Beaugh,
History and Geology

Daniel Christopher Oleisky Black,
Geology

Cameron M. Brandao,
Biology

Jesse Garland Brawley,
Communication: Film, Television, and Video

Alissa Kay Brown,
Religious Studies

Cameron Davis Bueche,
Psychology

Caden L. Cheramie,
Communication: New Media

Rachel Kathryn Clampitt,
History

Amanda Nicole Colby,
English

Hayley Clarice Cooper,
Music: Performance

Erin Hope Crites,
Individualized Major: Cultural Studies

Lauren M. Cullen,
Communication: New Media

Mara Grace Cumberland,
Sociology

Dustin Allen Dalton,
English

Laura Christian Deen,
Political Science

Nichole Elizabeth Duvall,
Psychology and Art: Studio Arts

Jordan Emery Fell,
Theatre and Art: Studio Arts

Walker Keith Gamble,
Communication: New Media

Ryan Scott Gasporra,
Sociology

Roy T. Guccione III,
Geology

Cadie Mae Hancock,
Communication: New Media

Emilie Danielle Harmeyer,
Biology

Joshua Caleb Holmes,
Sociology

Cameron Hughes,
Economics

Natalie Kay Nichole Humbert,
Biology

Jennifer Nichole Humphrey,
Psychology

Aaron Michael Johnson,
Communication: Film, Television, and Video

Sylvia Marie Keiter,
Biology

Brett C. Kessel,
Theatre

Kayla Elizabeth King,
Religious Studies

Kellan Peter Klaus,
Religious Studies

Lauren Elizabeth Marlar,
Psychology

Rhonda Taylor Martin,
English

Jacob Allen Dean McFarland,
Biology

James Anthony McMaster,
Political Science

Molly Louise Melone,
History

Ninjia Clarissa Miles,
Sociology

James Beau Fontaine Montgomery,
Mathematics

Ryan Matthew O'Donnell,
Economics

Ellen Elizabeth Orr,
English

Nicholas Chaise Parrott,
Geology

Whitney Lee Patterson,
Psychology

Chelsea Dawn Petska,
Biology

Matthew Joseph Posey,
History

Regina Ann Price,
Theatre

Zachary Paul Provenza,
Economics

Julia Lorena Puac,
Sociology

Joshua Blake Ritter,
Music

Matthew Miles Robinson,
English

Chelsea Jayne Russell,
Biology and History

Paul Howard Savage, Jr.,
Communication: New Media

Catherine Elizabeth Shackelford,
Psychology

Emily Ruth Shelton,
Psychology

John David Sidery,
Economics

Joseph Vincent Signorelli,
Theatre

Carly Michelle Slovensky,
Communication: Film, Television, and Video

Adam Carl Stephens,
Communication: Professional Writing

Ryan Gregory Stevens,
Economics

Larryian Marie Taylor,
Art: Studio Arts

Taylor Lynn Theus,
Biology

Nicole Anne Tiedge,
English

André Brenan Trahan,
Music: Choral Music

Yesenia Vargas,
French

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Political Science

Emma Lynette Viskozki,
Communication: New Media

Emily Danielle Ware,
Geology

Patrick Ryan Weidner,
Psychology

Marilyn Blakely Wells,
History and Art: Studio Arts

Isaiah G. Whitaker,
Mathematics

Brie Mekensi Wiggins,
Biology

Kendrick S. Williams,
Art: Studio Arts

Heather Danielle Wilson,
Religious Studies

Gabriel Anthony Zahm,
French

Gemma Zuniga,
Economics

Gemma Zuniga,
Political Science

Bachelor of Science

Addie Jane Barron,
Biophysics

Lauren Elaine Beurlot,
Business Administration: Accounting

Andrew Mark Borel,
Biology

Blake M. Bourgoyne,
Chemistry

Castaralla Albertina Brown,
Biology

Marissa Brown,
Theatre

Elias Brooks Capello,
Neuroscience

Kody Michael Carson,
Business Administration: Finance

Kevin Chiang,
Biology

Faith Lynae Clingen,
Biochemistry

Kaitlyn Eleanor Cornwell,
Business Administration: Accounting

Laura Jean Croteau,
Biology

Horacio Paul Vincent D'Agostino,
Biology

Angelle Celine DeVillier,
Business Administration: Accounting

Kadidiatou Diawara,
Neuroscience

Christopher Cavett Feazel,
Business Administration: Accounting

Ricardo Bryan Garcia,
Biology

Jamie Liam Gibson,
Geology

Jeremy John Hall,
Business Administration: Management

Samuel Abraham Hall,
Biology and Neuroscience

Shelby Ann Havinga,
Biology

Caitlyn Mackenzie Hayworth,
Business Administration

McKenzie D. Hiser,
Business Administration: Finance

Jesse Aaron Holt,
Business Administration: Management

Kevin Hurtado,
Business Administration: Management

Alexis James,
Business Administration: Accounting

Michael John Labat,
Biology

Chantel Alise Lee,
Biophysics

Andrea Stephanie Lemus,
Biology

Hayward Samuel Martin,
Business Administration: Accounting

Nicole Martinez,
Biology

Gregory Paul Monette, Jr.,
Business Administration: Accounting

Lauren Christine Moore,
Neuroscience

Saro Nubari Ntagha,
Geology

Ryan Matthew O'Donnell,
Mathematics: Theoretical Mathematics

Brooks Taylor Pawsat,
Geology

Paige Rochelle Pritchett,
Biophysics

Matthew Stuart Roberts,
Business Administration: Accounting

George William Rolfe IV,
Biology

Alexandra Lauren Ross,
Neuroscience

Kayla Andre' Ruth,
Business Administration

Bernard William Sanchez, Jr.,
Biology

Christian Scott Sebastien,
Business Administration

Arni Muggur Sigurdsson,
Neuroscience

Celia Sage Sobelman,
Biology

Jamillia ShaDawn Stevenson,
Business Administration: Accounting

Zachary Francis Stielper,
Biology and Neuroscience

Hank C. Strickler,
Business Administration: Finance

Ashley Nicole Strong,
Biology

Kayla Frances Thornhill,
Biology

William Bradley Trimble II,
Biology

Erasmo Valdez II,
Business Administration

Christina Lee Wolterman,
Biology

Gabriel Anthony Zahm,
Biology and Biophysics

Master of Arts in Teaching

Laura Marie Adams

Ashley Lynn Arthur

Ashley Voorhies Atkins

DeQuinton Harrison

Travis Barton Hill

Laura Beam Johnson

Renée Leanora LaGarde

Dayton James Landry

Douglas A. Lechner

Kezia L. Pigford

Antonio Alberto Ramallo

Sarah Elisabeth Roussel

Master of Business Administration

Christina Mechelle Heard

Charles Edwin McAllister, Jr.

James Addison McCalmont IV

Sevetri Moore-Guillaume

David Douglas Pettiette, Sr.

Trenton Shepherd

Craig Patrick Storer

Ronnie Arold Wagley, Jr.

Kelly Jon Wells

Sara Elizabeth Wilkerson

Honorary Degrees

Katherine "Kay" Hammer
Doctor of Science, Honoris Causa

Dr. Jay B. Varkey
Doctor of Science, Honoris Causa

Conferring of Honorary Degrees ..... Dr. B. David Rowe, *President*
Mr. George D. Nelson, Jr., *Chairman of the Board of Trustees*
Dr. Jenifer K. Ward, *Provost and Dean of the College*

Induction of the Class of 2015 into the Alumni Association ..... Miss Laura Croteau '15
2015 Class Representative

Conferring of Honors and Degrees in Course ..... Dr. Rowe and Dr. Ward

***Alma Mater** ..... led by Brass Ensemble and the Centenary College Choir

Where the sleepy, silver bayou
Gleams among the pines,
Watching o'er the throbbing city
Alma Mater shines.

CHORUS

Forward, forward, Centenary–
Time and tide may fail,
But our hearts shall love thee ever–
Centenary, Hail!

***Benediction** ..... Mr. Nelson

Recessional ..... led by Brass Ensemble

Grand Marshal – Dr. David Thomas
Faculty Marshal – Dr. Harold Christiansen
Ushers – Maroon Jackets

*The audience will stand.
Please remain seated during the processional and the recessional.

President Rowe cordially invites family and friends of graduates to a reception following Commencement at the north entrance of the Gold Dome.

See back cover for information about photographs.

Biographies

Dr. Jay B. Varkey is an Assistant Professor of Medicine in the Department of Medicine, Division of Infectious Diseases, at the Emory University School of Medicine. He received his B.A. in International Affairs and Political Science and graduated with honors from Marquette University in 1998. In 2002, he graduated from the Medical College of Wisconsin where he was a member of the Alpha Omega Alpha honor society. He completed his residency in Internal Medicine and fellowship in Infectious Diseases at Duke University Medical Center. Dr. Varkey was recruited to Emory University in 2009 to become the Director of the Antimicrobial Management Program and a hospital epidemiologist at Emory University Hospital. In Fall 2014, Dr. Varkey was one of five infectious diseases physicians who provided direct care to four patients with Ebola virus disease treated in the Serious Communicable Diseases Unit (SCDU) at Emory University Hospital, including the first two patients with Ebola treated in the United States.

Katherine "Kay" Hammer grew up in Shreveport and attended Centenary College from 1963-1965 before graduating with a degree in English from the University of Iowa in 1967. She earned a Ph.D. in English Linguistics from the University of Iowa and was an Assistant Professor of English at both Coe College and Washington State University before embarking on a career in computer science that included stints at Texas Instruments and the Microelectronics and Computer Technology Corporation (MCC). In 1991, she co-founded Evolutionary Technologies International, Inc., a software company offering enterprise solutions for data management. ETI was the first spin-out from the MCC research consortium, and Hammer led the company as President and CEO until 2005.

Academic Dress

Much interest is always occasioned by an academic procession because of the colorful dress worn for ceremonies by the faculty and the graduates. In general, the gown indicates the level of the highest degree held: for bachelors, the black gown with flowing, pointed sleeves; for masters, the black gown with sleeves slit midway for the arms, and the sleeve bottom closed flat with a semicircle cut in the side; for doctors, the flowing closed robe with sleeves closed at the wrist, decorated with chevrons of velvet, most often black on black, but occasionally with chevrons of another color indicating the general field of study, for example blue for philosophy, red for theology, or purple for law; or the entire robe of another color, as the light blue of Columbia, the crimson of Harvard, or the gold of Johns Hopkins. Caps are nearly uniform; gold tassels indicating the doctorate or doctoral equivalents, black tassels for the lower degrees.

Most identification is contained in the hoods. The velvet edging is two inches wide for masters and three for doctors. Its color indicates the subject matter in which the wearer's degree was earned: white for arts, letters, or humanities; drab for business; light blue for education; brown for fine arts; lemon for library science; pink for music; dark blue for philosophy; sage green for physical education; golden yellow for science; or scarlet for theology and divinity. The lining of the hood is a precise code identifying the university of the degree's origin. The variations from these descriptions are mostly from foreign universities.

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